

Bangor Aug 14. 1862
Gen. Hodsdon

I have the honor
to be informed by you
of my election as
Chaplain of the 2^d Reg
Maine Volunteers

My deep interest
in that regiment had
led me to write to Col.
Roberts recommending the
election of Rev Mr. Bowker
of Blackhill to that chaplaincy

As he has been
waiting with an earnest
desire for the appointment,
and as it would be
inconsistent with present
engagements for me to
leave the state for
several weeks, I am

obliged to yield to the
opinion of the Society of
which I am pastor, that
I am not at liberty,
at present, to accept
the appointment

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servant
A. K. J. Small

J. L. Hodsdon
Adj't General

Mr. A. K. J. Small
Bangor
Me